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As many of you may know, the White House has proposed a sweeping overhaul of the rules pertaining to recipients of federal funds, including research grants. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a [412-page proposal](#) at the end of last week detailing the proposed changes, which are now available for comment. A summary of the key changes produced by the Association for Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) can be [found here](#).

Although anyone can comment on the proposed changes through the link on the OMB's webpage, **UNM prefers to take a consolidated approach to submission of comments**. As always, UNM's goal is to develop strategic public comments that attend to important considerations of authorship, content, and tone, while minimizing risk to UNM as an institution and limiting *any new risks* to individual faculty. In cases like this, a higher quantity of comments will likely not produce a greater change in results. **We also wish to remind our research community of [UNM's policies](#) governing political activities**.

Instead, we recommend you review comments being proposed by various regional or national groups who professionally represent your interests [e.g., AAMC, APLU, ACE, among others] and share those analyses with us. We would also like you to share with us the concerns you may have that deviate from other already-published analyses in your field of interest. Our offices are interested in hearing what you have to say. We will review your submitted comments/concerns and will work to develop a coordinated response in collaboration with University leadership as well as our UNM Government and Community Relations team.

Please respond with your comments/concerns by June 22 using [this link](#).

UNM is well connected to a range of professional organizations and other high-profile groups who will be developing comprehensive responses that reflect the interests of their constituents. Another advantage to centralizing our public comment is that we plan to share UNM's collective comments with other entities (e.g., the New Mexico congressional delegation, state government officials, national advocacy groups) in an organized manner to help inform their responses.

Please let us know if you have any questions and share your thoughts on the proposed changes through the link provided above.

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